

~~50~~ 49. The method of claim ~~42~~⁴³, wherein, after insertion of at least one decorative layer, a fiber layer is inserted into a hot press and the layers are pressed together with said carrier.

~~51~~ 50. The method of claim ~~42~~⁴³, further comprising embossing a surface structure on at least one decorative layer.

~~52~~ 51. The method of claim ~~42~~⁴³, wherein said carrier is mixed with natural reinforcing fibers.

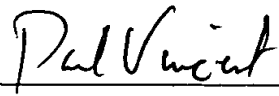
~~53~~ 52. The method of claim ~~51~~⁵², wherein said natural reinforcing fibers are selected from the group consisting of hemp, cellulose, and wood fibers.

REMARKS

The amendments have been taken to adapt this application to United States practice. No new matter has been added.

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